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## The Intelligence Chief

Rightly or wrongly, Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is absorbing much of the blame for the abortive attempt of Cuban exiles, backed by the United States, to topple Fidel Castro.

Public confidence in Dulles has been undermined and he will probably have to be sacrificed to the tradition which makes resignation the frequent penalty for failures in government.

Mr. Dulles was due to resign this year anyway, from all reports. The Cuban affair may hasten his departure.

In the eyes of the public, Mr. Dulles has become associated with the CIA in the same fashion that J. Edgar Hoover represents the FBI. The director of the CIA, in addition to the qualities demanded of him as administrator, judge, analyst and "idea man", must also be able to take public criticism without answering his critics. The "Very Silent Service" can neither defend nor praise itself in public.

One of the men who has been mentioned as a possible successor to Dulles is Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Perhaps this rumor is just a trial balloon sent up to test public opinion. We can hardly believe there will be much

support for Robert Kennedy to fill this job; obviously a more seasoned hand is needed.

President Kennedy's brother lacks the experience, the maturity and the temperament we should expect from the director of our nation's top intelligence agency. His relation to the President is a serious drawback, for the man who heads CIA must carry out his job with cold-blooded objectivity; CIA's reports should be read by the President with the same impartiality.

A far better appointee would be General Maxwell D. Taylor, a man of vast experience in Europe (including post-war Berlin), the Far East and Latin America, as well as in the Pentagon as Army chief of staff. During his military career, he worked behind enemy lines in Rome to prepare for the invasion of Italy. He has maintained that the United States must develop capabilities for limited warfare and guerrilla-type combat, a belief which the present Administration shares.

An able leader whose capabilities have been thoroughly proven, General Taylor is the best qualified of those who have been so far mentioned as possible successors to Mr. Dulles.